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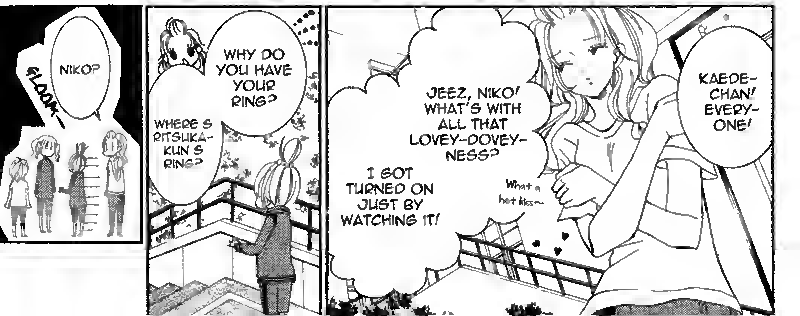
—Midnight Scans Staff

The only person I want to trade rings with...
Right...
is Ritsuka-kun...
Kyaa-
NIKO!
Only the kiss I shared with Ritsuka-kun...
made me happy...


NIKO?
CLOAK
WHERE'S RITSUKA-KUN'S RING?
WHY DO YOU HAVE YOUR RING?
JEEZ, NIKO! WHAT'S WITH ALL THAT LOVEY-DOVEY-NESS?
I GOT TURNED ON JUST BY WATCHING IT!
What a hot kiss...
KAEDE-CHAN! EVERY-ONE!

HUH?
YOUR GOING OUT WITH ZERO RITSU WAS AN ACT,
AND YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN DUMPED?
YEAH
SORRY FOR LYING TO YOU GUYS
SO NIKO,
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
I DON'T KNOW...
Squeeze
THAT DAMNED ZERO RITSU! DON'T PLAY AROUND WITH GIRLS' PURE HEARTS!
KABOB CHAN!
Slap!
We can see your panties!

"This time, you should trade rings with someone you really like."
WHEN HE SAID THAT TO ME,
MY MIND WENT COMPLETELY BLANK I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
BUT
He puts on a cold front
but...
he can still laugh properly
That makes me happy
MY FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED
I LIKE RITSUKA-KUN.
I LIKE HIM.
EVEN IF HE HATES ME,
I STILL LIKE HIM.
I DON'T THINK HE HATES YOU...

EH...
WELL, ZERO RITSU ISN'T THE KIND OF GUY...
WHO WOULD KISS SOME-ONE HE DOESN'T LIKE, RIGHT?
WE ONLY KNOW ZERO RITSU ON THE SURFACE,
BUT YOU HAVE SPECIAL FEELINGS, NIKO...
THAT'S WHY I THINK YOU DEFINITELY SHOULDN'T DO ANYTHING HALFHEARTED
does that mean...
So then...
I'm special...?
He doesn't hate me...?
Ba-Thump
Ba-Thump
...that Ritsuka-kun...
did want to kiss me...?

THANK YOU, EVERY-ONE
I..
SQUEEZE
But...
I might be wrong...
Bum-Thump
I might be misunder-standing it...
What should I do...?
Really...? Ritsuka-kun really thought that?
Bum-Thump
I don't want to give up on him.
I WILL TELL RITSUKA-KUN THAT I LIKE HIM.
ALL RIGHT! LET'S CREATE A LEGEND THAT WON'T EVEN COMPARE TO YOUR OLDER SISTER S. NIKO!
JUST LIKE US!
I don't want to do this halfheartedly.

WHOOSH
Quiet, please! ♡
Chatter
We female students have decided to hold a ring-exchanging ceremony!
If a girl confesses, she'll be able to get that lovely boy she's been eyeing! ♡
THUMP
I-IS THIS REALLY OKAY ?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
This is a big chance for us girls to go hunting!
Sounds like fun!
What?
And boys!
If you don't earn a point before it's too late,
Eh
you'll be stuck with a girlfriend-less blue high school life!
Wh-
Seriously?

GRAB
Ah...
Step
Step
YAY
YAY
Ritsuka-kun...
SQUEEZE
HAVING FRESHLY BROKEN UP WITH YANO RITSUKA...
AND CURRENTLY RECRUITING A BOYFRIEND, THIS IS PURE-HEARTED AND ADORABLE NIKO-CHAN! ♡
SHE WILL COMPLETELY BECOME YOUR CUTE GIRLFRIEND!
Wait—
EH, KYODE-CHAN, SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
NIKO...what?
NI-KO...what?
IF WE DON'T DO IT LIKE THIS, THAT ICE BOY WILL NEVER MAKE A MOVE.
PLUS, THE EVENT NEEDED A FEATURED PRODUCT.
I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU MY GIRLFRIEND!
Wo...
Seriously...?
I'll do my...
NIKO-CHAN, I'M THE ONE YOU WANT!

GROWL
Give me your ring.
Give me your ring.
Give me your ring.
Girlfriend
Wha?!
GOOD LUCK?
WELL, WE'RE GOING TO SAMPLE SOME FOOD.
All right, let's hunt!
GOOD LUCK! ♡
Yaaay, Kaede-sama~
TAP TAP
LET'S SEARCH!
SHE'S NOT OVER HERE
SLAM
SLAM
WHERE DID NIKO&WA-SAN GO?
I was planning on confessing to Ritsuka-kun, but...
some troublesome things have happened...
THEY FINALLY WENT AWAY...
PEK

GASP
What should I do?!
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
There isn't anywhere I can hide!
The boys came back!
Hey
HAVE WE LOOKED IN THIS ROOM?
But...
to be caught by another guy...
SQUEEZE
What should I do?
THUMP
THUMP
Well
JUST IN CASE
She won't be away
Let's make sure
SHE'S NOT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS IS SHE?
Eh...
GRAB
Rattle
Ritsuka-kun!!

Eh...
LET'S SEARCH REAL HARD! I ABSOLUTELY MUST TRADE RINGS WITH HER!
Ritsuka-kun...
No me!
No no ME!
Hahaha Hahaha
Why?
HUH..?
SHE'S NOT HERE.
I WAS SURE SHE D BE HERE
HOW WEIRD..
Thump
Thump

Ritsu...
ka...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN IT BACK...
...-kun...?

Eh...
WHY ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING LIKE A RING EXCHANGE EVENT?
THAT WOULDN'T BE FATED LOVE WITH THE PERSON MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU
YOU GIVING YOURSELF UP SO EASILY, SEDUCING ANY BOY OUT THERE,
BEING ATTACKED... I DON'T LIKE IT!
...I'M NOT
I'M NOT SEDUCING ANYONE
WHY WOULD YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
I WANT TO EXCHANGE RINGS
I WANT TO HOLD HANDS
I WANT TO BE KISSED

I ONLY WANT TO DO—
ALL OF THOSE THINGS WITH YOU, RITSUKA-KUN.
I...

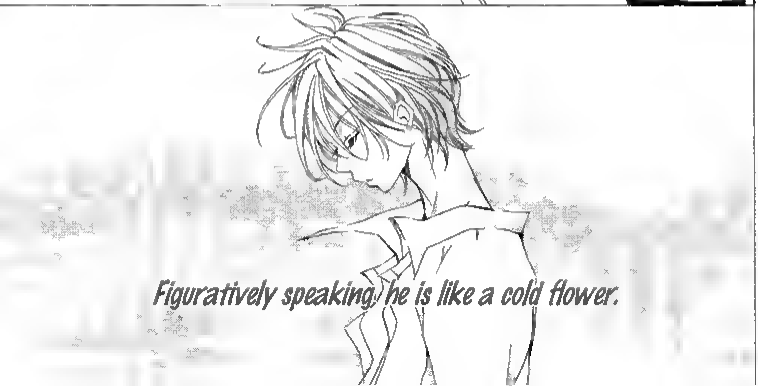
I like you.
I love...
Drip
...Ritsuka-kun.
Drip
I LIKE YOU, RITSUKA-KUN.
N..
I FOUND NIKO-CHAN!
I NEED TO GO

WAIT...
I'LL...
BE WAITING!
I'LL CONFESS MY FEELINGS ONCE AGAIN AT THE RING EXCHANGE CEREMONY
TELL ME YOUR FEELINES THEN

I'm scared...
to hear Ritsuka-kun's answer
OVER THERE
RUSTLE
Flip
OOF!
But...
Why did this sheet all of a sudden--
Weeeh!
I look more reassuring!
Got it!

Wah! Wah!
I...
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU!
I'D LIKE TO TRADE RINGS WITH YOU.
Whistle Whistle
Eh-
ME?!
Ding Dong
Ding Dong
Wash
Wash
...I want to become Ritsuka-kun's special person.

HEY, NIKO, YOUR FACE IS ALL RED AND YOU'RE SWEATING LIKE CRAZY
PUT YOUR RING INSIDE THE CASE
NIKO! IT'S YOUR TURN.
GULP
PERSON
PERSON
PERSON
Urgh
I'M SO NERVOUS.
THAT FIRST CONFESSION WAS JUST A SPUR OF THE MOMENT THING
Wash
Wash
I'M OKAY
*Japanese people write the character for 'person' on the palm of their hand to soothe stage fright


Figuratively speaking, he is like a cold flower.

Only the atmosphere around him is different.
He shuts his heart up behind a beautiful shadow.
"I threw away your ring a while ago."
Don't you notice when someone's ignoring you?
With his loving words, he lets no one close to him.
But the truth is,
...he is a lovely, dear flower who is nicer than anyone...
THUMP
...Ritsuka-kun?
THUMP
THUMP
YANO RITSUKA-KUN, YOU'RE VERY NICE, AND I LIKE YOU.
PLEASE EXCHANGE RINGS WITH ME...

It's pitch black..
What? The lights
A blackout?
MURMUR
sweat
I can't see anything...
PANT
PANT
PANT
Maybe he does hate me after all...
Maybe he didn't come..
Where is Kitsuka-kun?
sweat
It's hot
PANT
It's hot...
What should I do..?
It's hard to breathe..
PANT

FLICK

CHILL
It's cool...
WHEN THOSE OTHER GUYS WERE FOLLOWING YOU, I GOT REALLY PISSED OFF.
I'M NOT REALLY THAT NICE.

He's holding me tightly from behind...
Even though it's dark, I know.
He's colder than water.
Colder than ice.
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE FAKE LOVERS I WAS ABLE TO MONOPOLIZE YOU
SO I THOUGHT IT'D BE OKAY IF YOU BECAME MINE
But
Chu Chu
Ah
THE LIGHTS ARE ON
POP
I GOT IN THE WAY OF YOU FALLING LOVE FOR REAL
...he's gentle.
WHEN YOU MAKE SUCH A NEEDY FACE,
I CAN'T STOP KISSING YOU
IF I HUG YOU, I WON'T WANT TO STOP HOLDING YOU TIGHTLY

...Ritsuka-kun's hands...
RITSU
Lift-t
I STOPPED HOLDING BACK
BUT I DON'T KNOW ANYMORE
WHEN IT COMES TO YOU, NIKO, I CAN'T CONTROL WHAT KIND OF GUY I BECOME

I'VE CAUGHT YOU.
THE RING..
YOU'RE ALREADY MINE

I LIKE YOU.
THIS TIME IT ISN'T A LIE.
YOU'RE MY GIRL-FRIEND ONLY.
RITSU...
SHH
AT TIMES LIKE THIS YOU'RE SUP-POSED TO SILENTLY ANSWER 'YES'

My "yes"...
was melted away by Rutsu's lips...
and disappeared
Waaah
Waaah
Muttle
What's with you guys?
And so... seasons passed

That is,
Crestia
He hasn't changed since I first met him

I've finally found him.
I was always searching.
FLOWER PETALS ARE FLING UP ON HIS HEAD
...he is...
a beautiful person who is like a cold flower.
Grab
YOU FINALLY CAME, BODY PILLOW
R-R-RITSUKA-KUN!
Are you deep in thinking?
ACTUALLY, NO.
LET'S STAY LIKE THIS FOR A BIT.

You are my...

It will never die.

It gently blossoms in my chest

Laughing with a broad smile

...flower of love...

IF YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES, I'LL SAY IT ONCE MORE.

THE END

In Sho-Comi issue 17 (on sale 8/5), a huge, new series starts! But before that, the prologue to that new series will debut in the Sho-Comi Zoukan's August 15th issue (on sale 7/15).

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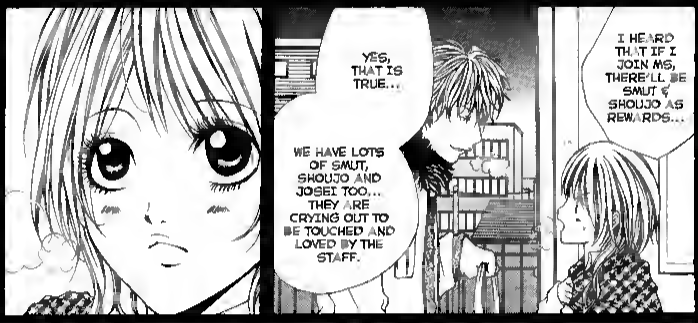
I HEARD THAT IF I JOIN MS, THERE'LL BE SMUT & SHOUJO AS REWARDS...
YES, THAT IS TRUE...
WE HAVE LOTS OF SMUT, SHOUJO AND JOSEI TOO... THEY ARE CRYING OUT TO BE TOUCHED AND LOVED BY THE STAFF.

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I'M GLAD YOU'VE JOINED MS...
I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE LOTS OF FUN... WITH ME AND THE SMUT, SHOUJO & JOSEI HORDES, YOU'LL NEVER BE LEFT UNWANTED...
Touch
Bye-Bye